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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hans Weiher et al.  
Application No. : 10/644,325  
Confirmation No. : 6657  
Filed : August 19, 2003  
Group Art Unit : 1623  
For : USE OF  $\gamma$ -GT INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

New York, New York  
December 8, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the October 8, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to that action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), together with the requisite extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). With this extension of time, a response is due on or before December 8, 2004.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.